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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS: John A. Corey *et al.* EXAMINER: Donald V. Scaltrito  
ASSIGNEE: MTI MicroFuel Cells, Inc.  
SERIAL NO.: 09/818,290 ✓ ART UNIT: 1745  
FILING DATE: March 27, 2001 ✓  
FOR: METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR MANAGING EFFLUENT ✓  
PRODUCTS IN A FUEL CELL SYSTEM ✓

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

- ☒ Response After Final Rejection (2 pgs); and
- ☒ a Return Postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. **50-0311**, Reference No. 21535-006. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 212/692-6803, New York, New York.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 13, 2003

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 25, 2003 (paper no. 8), Applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

The application has been reviewed in light of the outstanding Final Office Action. Claims 1-48 are currently pending, with claims 1, 25-27, 36, 37, 40, 41 and 45 being independent.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 25-36 and 40-48, and the indication that claims 2-15, 17-21, 23, 38 and 39 are allowable if re-written in independent form to incorporate the features of the base independent claim and any intervening claims. Applicants, however, do not wish to proceed in such a manner.